

EXPECTS RETREAT TO DUTCH BORDER

Maurice Says Enemy Hopes Scheldt River Will Halt Tanks

MUST SHORTEN FRONT

Stand on New Line Foreseen Until Foch Dictates Next Move

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The comparatively rapid and easy progress which King Albert's group of armies is making in Belgium is one of the results of the victories won farther south. It has been apparent for some time that the Germans were not strong enough to hold their old lines in Flanders, and would have to abandon the coast and leave Lille.

I expect they will endeavor to draw back their right flank to the Dutch frontier north of Ghent, and that between Ghent and Tournai they will fall back behind the Scheldt, which will give them a water-line to hold against the Allied tanks. Such a line they would probably try to connect by way of Orchies and Donin with their present front near Le Cateau, and they would be able to stand there until Foch dictates to them their next move.

The enemy remains under the imperative necessity of shortening his front, and this he has been prevented from doing because his line is continually being extended by the salients which the Allies have created in it. Until he succeeds in shortening it, he must continue to retreat.

Foch has very skillfully defended the obvious attempt of the enemy to force the British to destroy Lille with their guns. More than ten days ago the Germans abandoned their positions west and

Foe May Not Benefit From Stolen Machinery

London, Oct. 17. Dr. Christopher Addison, minister without portfolio in charge of reconstruction, in a speech yesterday, said the Germans had removed mills and machinery whole, sale from France and Belgium into Germany or had destroyed them, counting upon the advantage which this would give the German textile industry after the war.

"But," he added, "there is the question of raw material. The burden of the restoration of destroyed machinery must fall on those who destroyed it, and it will be within the power of the Allies to withhold from Germany cotton and other goods until the enemy has made good the machinery destroyed."

U. S. ENGINEERS IN BATTLE

Storm Hill in Argonne, Hurling Germans Back

With the American Army Southwest of Verdun, Oct. 18.—(By U. S. S. I.) Engineers were called upon yesterday to attack the Germans for the first time and they met with brilliant success. They stormed Hill No. 299, the keystone of the German line northeast of Cumi, on the front northwest of Verdun, hurling the enemy from the crest and the northern slope.

The infantry had been attacking all day long on both sides of the hill under heavy machine-gun fire. When the troops had become thoroughly exhausted, the engineers were thrown into the struggle. They climbed straight up the slopes of the hill, driving the Germans from their strong position on the crest. Then they dug in and rested a few hours when they resumed the assault. The Germans were quickly driven from the northern slope.

ITALY SETS FORTH TRUCE GUARANTEES

Four Great Austrian Border Fortresses Must Be Handed Over

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Milan, Oct. 18.—Specifying the guarantees which Italy will expect from Austria in the event of an armistice, the Rome Nationalist organ, *Ilia Nazionale*, says that the handing over of the four great Imperial fortresses of Trent, Franzensfeste, Pola and Cattaro, with all their armaments, is deemed absolutely indispensable in military circles.

The first two command the entire salient in the Po valley between Lombardy and Venice, while the latter two are formidable as well by nature as by art, and including, of course, the strongly fortified heights of Mount Lovchen on the Montenegrin littoral, dominating the higher and middle Adriatic.

These will constitute the minimum of the Italian demands before any peace negotiations are entered into, and for long time in framing the terms of peace which we intend imposing on our enemies," writes the *Secolo*, "and to secure the representatives of the Allied Governments to sit in permanent session at Versailles until the new situation is fully cleared up and resolved; for to be lured into a discussion of peace before one single and united diplomatic economic front has been established would be the worst error we could possibly commit."

YOUTH TRIES TO KILL TISZA

Attempt to Assassinate Hungarian Premier Frustrated

Amsterdam, Oct. 18.—As Count Stephen Tisza, formerly Hungarian Premier, was leaving the lower house of Parliament at Budapest Wednesday, a youth approached his motorcar with a revolver, according to a dispatch received here from the Hungarian capital. Count Tisza's chauffeur struck the would-be assassin down before he could fire.

SMYRNA READY TO SURRENDER

Governor Sends Plenipotentiaries to Athens

By the United Press London, Oct. 18.—The plenipotentiaries of Hamid Bey, Governor of Smyrna, have arrived in Athens for

the purpose of negotiating for the surrender of that Turkish province, according to a dispatch from Athens received today.

Word was received several days ago that Smyrna, the most important port in Asia Minor, was awaiting a peace treaty.

Advertisement for shoes featuring an image of a shoe and text: 'Style and Quality \$7 1335 South Penn Square'.

Advertisement for 'An Unusual Diamond La Valliere' featuring an image of a diamond and text: 'A most unique setting with a large blue-white diamond weighing 4.78 carats in a delicate mounting...'.

Large advertisement for 'Red Cross Shoes' with multiple images of shoes and text: '4 Paramount Points of Shoe Interest', 'Paramount with Careful Shoe Buyers', 'Paramount in the Famous Red Cross Shoes'.

Advertisement for 'FRANK & SEDER' featuring images of women in coats and text: 'Values Challenging All Philadelphia', '10,000 Women's & Misses' Superb New Winter Coats', 'A Sale Bringing 25% and 30% Savings on Brand New Coats'.

Advertisement for 'FRANK & SEDER' featuring images of women in blouses and hats and text: 'Challenging Values in Our Great Bargain Subway', 'Women's and Misses' \$15.00 Coats at \$9.86', 'Challenge Values 700 New Suits \$12.86-16.86-19.86', 'Wonder Values Are Georgette BLOUSES at \$4.94', 'Millinery Value Demonstration "La France" Hats No More \$5.00 No Less', 'Challenge Values \$7.00 & 8.00 Skirts, Saturday \$5.00'.